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From The Publisher

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Fellow Blue Knight® Members,

The riding season is here in the USA as the largest motorcycle kick-off event is about to roar; Daytona Beach Bike Week. FL XII has gotten a hotel set up for members coming in and a get together or two is planned, so hookup with Jim Trachta if you are headed that way. I hope to see a lot of you there and get to share in some Blue Knight camaraderie.

Heavy on my heart is the passing of former Blue Knight David McCroskey, here in Tennessee, from a sudden heart attack. It only proves how fragile life is and we are not promised tomorrow. We need to have more awesome get-togethers and more positive talks and a whole lot less arguing and complaining. As my father always said, even after he turned 80 years old, "Son, leave your ego and problems at the door. I just want to have a great visit and share my love for you with you while you are here." No words ring truer today.

On to a riding note, get those motorcycles ready and get them on the road. Be careful and mindful as we want to see everyone at the next Blue Knight event. Be mindful of your health as well. Visit those Blue Knights that might not be able to hit the open road as much as they used to. Trust me; they want to see good friends.

A wise man once said, "If I had a motorcycle and riding friends, what would I need enemies for?" If you think about that long enough, it might make a little sense.

My motorcycle is either getting repaired or totaled after an intoxicated girl backed over it twice. In the meantime, I'll be doubling up on my wife's Harley... no comments needed, she's already told me I'm riding b%#@\$. LOL

Until next time, Ride With Pride

Randy Gracy, "The Mag Man"



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From L to R: VP Larry Meyer, Freddie "Little Book" Noe, Fred Noe, Maize Noe, President Ruben Gardner, member Steve Brown.



Fred Noe Receives Honorary Vest

By Larry Meyer, VPres KY II

On December 19th, 2018, KY II presented Fred Noe with his International Honorary Blue Knights vest at the Jim Beam Stillhouse in Clermont, KY. Fred is carrying on in his fathers (Booker Noe) footsteps as Master Distiller at Jim Beam, and is doing a great job for the company. He is a proud supporter of the Blue Knights and he ran the Blue Knights commemorative batch of Booker's Uncut & Unfiltered Bourbon. It was a proud day for all of us to meet with the Noe family and share memories of days gone by. Fred is an 8th generation Noe Master Distillers and Freddy (Little Book) will be the 9th generation.





International President

DJ ALVAREZ, TX XXXI • dj@blueknights.org

Greetings fellow Blue Knights,

On January 11th the criminal matter with our former Office Manager, Bessie Small, was concluded and she was sentenced to 12 months in prison, with 3 years' probation upon her release. She was also ordered to pay restitution as well. Although

this is not what I, and many of you wanted, it was the best offer we could get without reducing her time lower, which we fought against. On February 10th, Bessie checked in to the Penobscot County Jail to begin her 12-month sentence. The following week she was transferred to the Maine Department of Corrections.

Although the criminal proceedings have concluded, we still have 2 civil suits pending against her, and family members. I've asked members not to discuss this on social media and though many have complied there are a few that just don't get it unfortunately. Negative comments can adversely affect the cases since the judge that presided over the criminal case is also assigned to the civil cases. Now that the criminal proceedings have concluded, the civil cases will now proceed.

On a positive note, earlier last year, SRC Int'l Rep Bob Awtrey submitted proposal 2018-0004, a bylaw change that would allow for electronic voting should the day come. It passed overwhelmingly with the International Board of Directors, and at the General Membership meeting at Stone Mountain, Georgia. Well I am proud to say that time may be here sooner, rather than later.

This past winter, SRC Int'l Rep Bob Awtrey, who chairs the Election Committee appointed by me, traveled to Bangor, Maine in October to meet with Maine State Senator Geoff Gratwick who has sponsored

a bill to allow for electronic voting in the state of Maine. I also met with Senator Gratwick as well during my office visit in December and am excited that bill number 894 for the 129th Maine Legislature has officially been submitted. The bill is being supported by several state senators, and representatives with no foreseeable objections. The bill is set to be signed sometime in March and will go into effect 60 days after the close of the session in June. After that it will be legal to vote electronically in the state of Maine, which not only benefits the Blue Knights®, but every non-profit as well.

In the interim, the Election Committee will work to submit any necessary bylaw changes needed for the next Board of Directors meeting so that it can be ratified at the General Membership meeting in Rye, New York in August. Once this is done electronic voting can be done at every level within the organization, and the cost savings alone for the International elections would be estimated in the \$20,000 range. This is something that has been a long time coming, and I wanted it done under my leadership. Bob Awtrey, and his committee have done an outstanding job, and working with Bob on this has been a pleasure for me and seeing it play out is even better. I've also spoken with the BOG Chairman about possibly having the 2020 BOG election done electronically as a test to see how it works and to eliminate any issues with the process. If this is done, it would clear the way to have the 2021 International Executive Committee elections in 2021.

Finally, another thing you'll see this year is the decal for the members who've renewed their membership for 2019. This was something I started as International Vice President, and it's been a couple of years since we gave them out due to budgetary reasons. In November, when we were approving this year's budget, I requested the funds to make this happen. It was approved, so they'll be going out sometime in March to the chapter addresses to pass out to the members.

Ride with Pride!



International Secretary

JIM BORZA, TX XXXI • secretary@blueknights.org • Cell: 814-574-3336

Greetings from your International Secretary,

At the time of writing this post I have been spending the winter in Florida. I am very lucky to be retired and have the time and means to travel and be able to meet with Blue Knights throughout this GREAT ORGANIZATION. Members

seem to really appreciate seeing board members taking the time and showing up at events and chapter meetings. I enjoy being able to answer the concerns members have then jumping onto our motorcycles and doing what the Blue Knights is about. RIDING OUR MOTORCYCLES.

Recently, Jim Trachta (BOG Vice Chairman), Karen and I had the pleasure of visiting one of our founding fathers Chuck Shuman and Christine at their residence. It was an honor to see his "Man Cave" filled with great history of the Blue Knights. We also enjoyed a great lunch.

It is also a busy time with the new online renewals. While working with many chapters and getting them on the right track, it is easier than some members were led to believe.

I encourage members to log onto the International website that provides the correct information for various issues which are concerning to the members. To access the members' only page, simply put your membership number in for user name and you're LAST NAME IN CAPS for the password. It's that easy.

Next, Karen and I will be heading back to Texas, spending time with our daughter Jamie and attending Blue Knights events. As always, I encourage members to look around at other chapter and conference events. I always say this club is just not a monthly meeting but getting out and riding and meeting new friends you have not met yet.

I always enjoy hearing from the members so feel free to call me. My cell # is 814-574-3336.

Ride with Pride!





International Vice-Pres.

KAREN BORZA, TX XXXI

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Greetings and Salutations!

Salutations to my fellow Blue Knights!

Well, one chapter in the issues surrounding the former International office manager has come to a close. Please keep in mind we have a couple more to go. If you have questions, contact any member of the BOD and they will answer them for you. I feel it is important to keep moving forward. If we dwell in the past and fail

to advance and learn from any mistakes we have made we do this club a great disservice.

Renewals are moving along and for the most part are going smoothly. If you have any problems reach out to your International Representative, the International Secretary, a fellow chapter president or me. Remember we are all here to help. So far our membership numbers are up and we have new chapters forming around the world.



I have been in Florida for over a month and love the good riding weather. It's great to ride the year round and meet other Blue Knights from around the world! I had the great pleasure of getting together with Maureen Croteau, wife of Paul Croteau, Heaven 1 member (past International Webmaster & Chairman of the GLRC) and a dear friend. Maureen vacationing in Florida and Jim and I had a nice dinner with Jim and Gina Trachta. My youngest, Jamie, flew in to surprise me too!

I am looking forward to 2019, visiting places and fellow Blue Knights I will see. If you see me in my travels, please say hello and ask any questions you may have about your club and how it is running. I work for you all.

Ride safe and Ride with Pride!



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International Treasurer

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Well, 2018 is over; and financially speaking we have good news. We closed the year in the black for the second consecutive year. Again, this was accomplished by coming up with a budget and sticking to it as well as a lot of belt tightening. Some of the budget

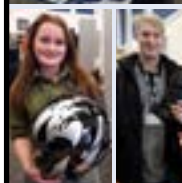
cuts made in 2018 will be partially restored in the 2019 budget. The 2019 budget is available in the member's only area of the Int'l Website.

As we move into 2019, U.S. Chapter Treasurers need to remember to file the form 990. You can file electronically (990-N) if you have \$50,000 or less in annual receipts. For those that cannot file electronically, you must do the regular form 990. The due date for filing is May 15th. If you fail to file for three consecutive years, your chapter will lose their tax-exempt status with the IRS.

For chapters outside the U.S., please do not forget to check with your local tax office to see what filings you need to do. If there is anything you need from the Int'l to meet your tax requirements, please include me in any emails to the Int'l Office. I will do my best to help you get what you need.

ENG XVIII Encourage Young Riders to Dress for Riding

By Paul Greening, ENG XVIII



BK England XVIII attended the PETROC College of Barnstaple, North Devon today to engage with the young motorcycle and scooter riders who attend courses there. Members of BK ENG XVIII had donated motorcycle clothing/gloves/boots and helmets, with the aim of encouraging these young riders to dress appropriately when riding, whether it's a moped/scooter or a bike. The engagement was highly successful with 25 students being kitted out with donated items. The feedback was extremely positive from the organisers of the event and likewise from the students. Young riders at the start of their working lives trying to gain qualifications at college to better themselves but not having the disposable income required to afford the protective kit themselves. The safety first message was well received with genuine comments of thanks coming back to us from the students. It was a very worthwhile engagement indeed.

My thanks to my #1 daughter Gemma 'the Gob' Greening for her help and selling techniques.

BK Brotherhood Knows No Bounds Nor Borders

By George Krug

Though I reside in Colorado, one of my motorcycles resides in Germany. This story begins in July of 2018 where I was motorcycling from Germany to the city of Odessa in the Ukraine. I was traveling with a group of about forty other Blue Knights members from Germany, Austria, a couple of Americans and a Belgian for good measure. We were met and welcomed several times by Romania II, III and IV members. We traveled from the Czech Republic through the countries of Slovakia, Hungary, Serbia, Bulgaria and the Ukraine. The roads got progressively worse until we were riding on dirt treks next to the dilapidated pavement of a bygone era. However, we finally reached the city of Mamaia, Romania where we lounged in the soothing waters of the Black Sea.

In the evening we were welcomed by members of the Romania III and presented with inscribed lanyards to commemorate our visit. Several days later they journeyed several hours to visit with us again, in Galati, Romania, this time bringing homemade bottles of Slivovitz. They advised us they had arranged for some friends in the country of Moldova to provide us with a tour of the area. They also arranged for an "express entry" when we returned to Romania after visiting Ukraine and Moldova.

In Moldova we were welcomed by a group of motorcycle riders who took us on a spectacular day's ride of the countryside; touring the Epoca De Piatra subterranean restaurant/hotel. There we had lunch in the ancient town of Villa Etnika, toured the Orhei Vechi Monestary, visited the Crikova Winery, and finally rode through a corn field to beautiful spot overlooking the Raut River. As we all sat in the grass and enjoyed the view, the camaraderie and the laughs, our guides produced a few bottles of champagne and plastic cups.

The following day, heading to the Romanian border, I was delayed at a gas station and got separated from the main group. As my friend and I reached the Romanian border, we saw an officer at the back of two long lines of vehicles, waiving us to unused border inspection station. An officer came out, collected

our documents and knowing I was from the U.S., he smilingly addressed me in English and named off my country's last five Presidents. He

then stamped our passports and wished us a safe trip. This was amazing as it took between 1.5 - 3 hours to cross into the Ukraine!

In Vaslui, Romania we rejoined our group at the city square where the mayor's office had set up a couple of tents to shelter us from the drizzling rain stocked with hot coffee,

tea, and bottled water. 15 - 20 police officers were in attendance for photos and to safeguard our motorcycles. The mayor's representative welcomed us to the city and requested we return when we had more time to stay. Afterwards they took us for a



stroll to the Royal Church of Stephen the Great, which dates to 1490. The entire way we were photographed and videotaped for the local media! I felt like I was in a group of elected officials with such pomp and circumstance! At the church and park, we were given a private tour and description of the Chapel, commemorating the beheading of Saint John the Baptist. We then received a police escort at break neck speeds, lights flashing and sirens screaming to Chisnau Botanical Garden where we went for a stroll while a uniformed officer watched our bikes. The full-service garden restaurant contained within, was waiting for our group. We had a wonderful meal, to include a large birthday cake, for one of our members. A GREAT time was had by all and, after the meal, we bid our hosts a fond farewell.

I am reliving this story here to show that the brotherhood does extend beyond our borders. Traveling in Europe with such a diversity of languages, many professionals also speak English. I have never felt alone or alienated when visiting with colleagues. No one ever cares what your position or your pay level is, just your membership in "The Club".

In many countries the International Police Association is the only organization permitted to Police Officers. Identifying myself to a supervisor at the Odessa, Ukraine police station, I asked to trade for a police patch. He brought out patches from the City of Odessa, and their country's National Patch. After they took photos of me with their officer, they were amazed when I offered the American patch that I'd started with. They didn't understand that I was giving it to them. So, there is a very accommodating culture in Europe, I recommend the travel. I don't know if the Romanian Officers are member of the International Police Association, but they are brothers. I don't have words to describe my gratitude at the welcome that they provided. By the way, my group will be returning to Vaslui, Romania in 2021.

I would like to acknowledge and to thank some of the members of the law enforcement community in the country of Romania for the camaraderie and brotherhood they demonstrated.



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SUNDAY only \$40/Person (\$20 child)

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TUESDAY only \$40/Person (\$20 child)

WEDNESDAY (BBQ) \$60/Person (\$30 child)

THURSDAY (No Banquet) \$40/Person (\$20 child)

THURSDAY (Banquet) \$100/Person (\$50 child)

REGISTRATION AFTER 4/1/19 \$180/Person (\$90 child)

MONDAY: Self guided Tours, BOG Meeting

TUESDAY: Meeting/Escorted Ride WTC
Pre-registration required, Self guided Tours

WEDNESDAY: Escorted ride to West Point

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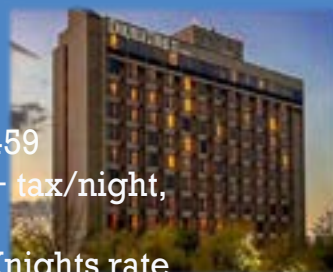
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Blue Knights Donate Toys to Foster Kids

By Tommy Murphy

The Blue Knights GA XVIII presented hundreds of toys to Troup County Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA) to be given out to local foster children this Christmas season (CASA is their primary charity). CASA is a non-government nonprofit agency that advocates for the best interest of Troup and Heard counties' abused and neglected children.

The toys were purchased by GA XVIII with a little help from L&L Motorsports who donated a 50cc scooter GA XVIII raffled off to raise funds to buy toys for the foster kids. The local branch of CASA oversees more than 215 foster children in Troup-Heard County area. While not exactly needy, foster families often don't have extra money during the holidays. Fortunately, the GA XVIII Blue Knights are there to lend a hand and

open their wallets. Many of the raffle tickets were bought by club members themselves. CASA will distribute the toys to the foster families that they oversee so that the kids have something under the Christmas tree. The toys are distributed into holiday bags to be given to foster families that have been sorted according to age and gender. They also try to accommodate the kid's Christmas wishlists when possible.

Vote for International Vicepresident

2003 - : Became a Blue Knights®
 2007 - 2009: Vicepresident of Germany V
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My goals are:

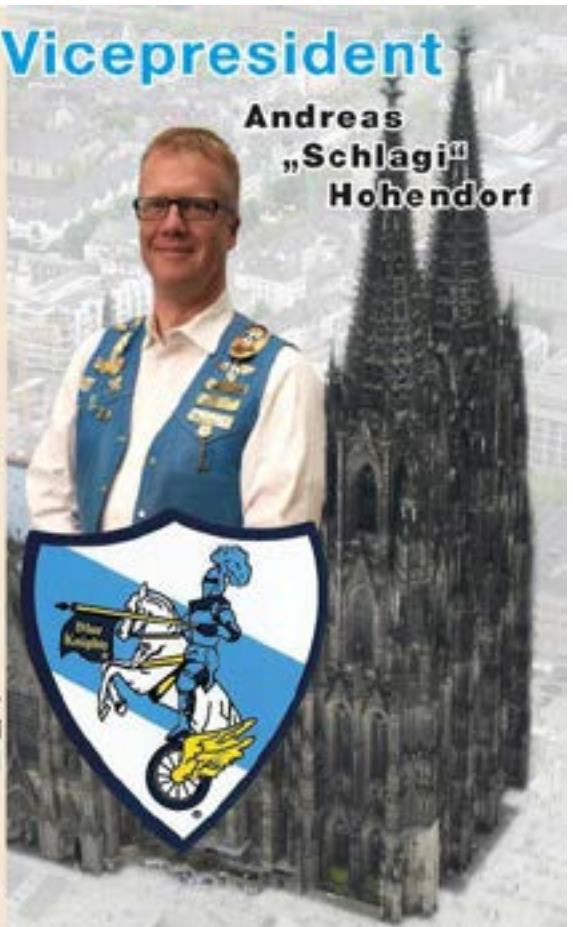
- ☛ Strengthen the Blue Knights® as the world greatest Motorcycle Club
- ☛ To establish a closer link between the Continents
- ☛ To promote recruitment
- ☛ To return something from the benefits I recieved from the club and all Blue Knights that I met

These goals are the same as in the last campaign. I strongly believe, that these goals are essential to run an office like this. And honestly, I worked with them in every office I held, why should I change them?

With these intents I ask for your support in the 2019 election.

Email: schlagi@blueknights-cologne.de mobile: +4915158754526 Facebook

Andreas
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HOST HOTEL

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WEEKEND REGISTRATION

\$85 includes hospitality room Friday–Saturday and the Crab Feast (Children under 12- \$55)

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Tables at the Crab Feast may be reserved with pre-registrations for groups of eight.

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VISIT **WWW.MD1BLUEKNIGHTS.ORG** OR CALL **301-996-8288**

Elect *Karen Borza* International President

It has been my great honor to serve as your Vice President since 2017. I was your International Secretary from 2013-2017.

Contact me at:
vicepresident@blueknights.org
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Experiences:

- *Experience with and understanding of the day-to-day business operations of our club.
- *Good communication along with equality in decision making and positive thinking are essential for running this club.
- *Establish various discount programs for the members.
- *Worked with Chapters and Conferences on recruitment ideas.
- *Dedicated to doing what is best for the entire club.
- *To work with the worldwide membership to facilitate understanding of the issues and resolutions within this club.

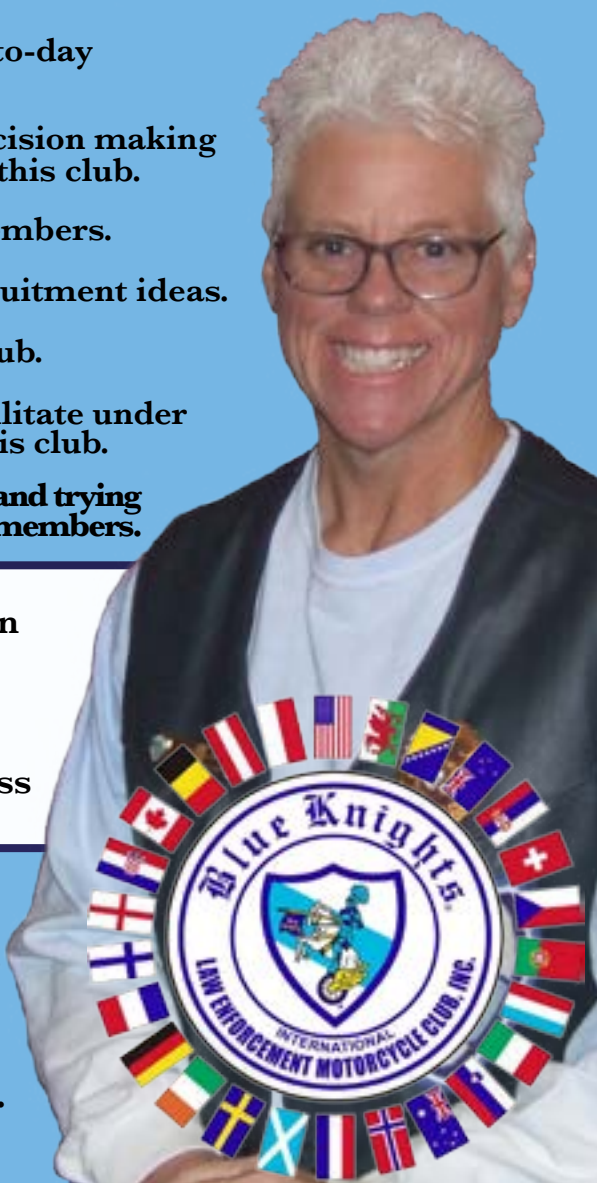
I have worked hard to get us through some very tough and trying times and still keep a positive light on this club and its members.

GOALS: I believe we need to...

- *Follow our Constitution, By-Laws and written procedures.
- *Evaluate each action/proposal individually based on facts.
- *Be ready to update our ways of doing business if/when necessary

There is always work to be done, to improve, and update our ways of doing business. We must show we have learned from past incidents and move forward from them. I believe being President is not just a title but a lot of time, effort and work. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully – Karen Borza



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Re-Elect

Jim Borza

International Secretary

My name is Jim Borza, your International Secretary and member of TX31. I am asking for your support to continue to serve you as your Secretary. For those of you who do not know my travels through life let me have the pleasure of giving you a brief history of myself.

Since the age of 18, I have been serving my country and citizens in the following manners:

- ✓ **United States Marine Corps veteran**
- ✓ **Pennsylvania State Trooper, retiring at the rank of Trooper First Class**
- ✓ **Chief of Police for Punxsutawney, Pa**
- ✓ **Served as Chief Deputy Sheriff for Elk County under our elected Sheriff**

My dedication to this great organization since 1992 shows by the 20 International Conventions I have attended which includes Austria.

As International Secretary I promised and delivered my following duties.

- ✓ **To record, publish, and distribute copies of the minutes of all International meetings in a timely manner.**
- ✓ **To assist the International President in the establishment of agendas for all International Meetings.**
- ✓ **Assisting to update, and maintain the Motions Books.**
- ✓ **To be accessible to the Members for questions, or assistance.**

**I humbly ask you for your vote and support so that I can continue to be
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MY GOALS

As Vice President my goals are to extremely expand our publicity in law enforcement periodicals for recruitment, recognition for riding & recruitment for retention purposes, as well as increase communication across VPs of the organization.

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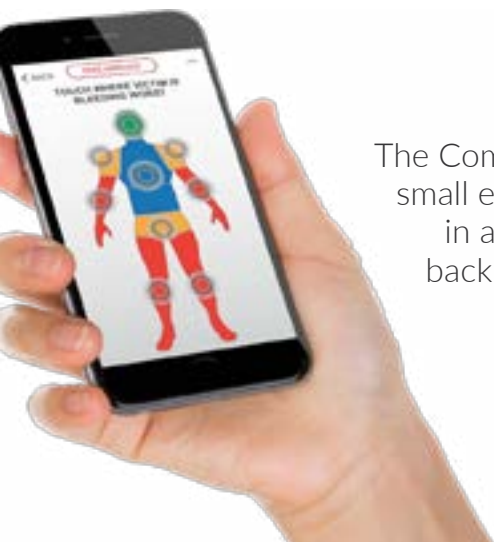
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LISA O'BRIEN

BEST CANDIDATE FOR

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* THX4800@AOL.COM * Facebook: LisaMarie Obrien * (707) 266-6349

I am Lisa O'Brien and I am asking for your vote for Vice President. You have several candidates to consider for this election, please take the time to interview each one of us to make sure that we deserve your vote!

Remember that every elected official must follow their specific job description. I will send you the job description of any position, just ask me for it! Prior to voting for any candidate, much less endorsing any candidate, you should get a copy of the very Blue Knight Job Description for that position and find out where they stand on issues relevant to their SPECIFIC job description. Knowing their job duties will help you apply your questions to their specific duties. Knowing their job will help apply your questions to their duties. Your elected officials will be chairing or sitting on many committees representing you, so If you want electronic voting instituted and your candidate does not, then you should know that! If you want the Silver/Bronze tier status to remain unchanged and your candidate does not, then you should know that! If you feel recruitment and retention are a top priority and your candidate does not, you should know that...what is important to you should be important to me as I am YOUR VOICE. I am a firm believer that Blue Knights is second to none. I stand strong on recruitment and retention. It is easy enough to get new members, but not so easy to keep our members. We are into February of 2019 and many chapters have yet to renew...I don't want to lose you! We are an International organization and your VP has the responsibility to retain ALL members, not just those of us in the United States.

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I know there will be issues that directly affect conferences abroad and not the United States, and vice versa. As a lawyer practicing corporate law since 1997, I have a strong legal background in non-profit law, and will focus on By-Laws and Policies that are advantageous to all of our Conference members. I believe every single member deserves fairness, equality and the Due Process protection under our bylaws and rules. I want to hear from each and every one of you, and Talk to me personally. Investigate me! Compare me to all previous VP's and the other 2019 candidates. Know Exactly what your candidate is required, and expected, to do for their 17,789 members. Only then can you make the decision who is the best candidate for you. I have held the position of Chapter President, US Vice Chair and WCC International Representative. I am a strong voice in our Board of Director meetings, constantly advocating for the members! I strongly opposed reducing the allotted travel expenses for our founding fathers in a recent BOD meeting, and I do not believe that our senior members should be deprived of the current Silver or Bronze benefits, I do not feel that preventing members from access to the "Motions Book" is in their best interest. This is your Club, you should have complete access to it...I look for alternative solutions every time our members rights are being stripped away further and further. I am the loudest and strongest supporter of tweaking our electoral process to ensure every one of our members has the opportunity to vote. I oppose any policy that would interfere with members rights to be heard at the International Convention. The International Convention is held for YOUR benefit. It is your opportunity to be heard. This is YOUR club and elected officials work for YOU. Your voice needs to be heard starting NOW!





ELECT *Dominic Squillace* International Vice-President



GOALS:

RECRUITMENT

RETENTION

COMMUNICATE
WITH MEMBERS

KEEP AN OPEN
MIND

WORK WITH THE
MEMBERS,
CHAPTERS, AND
CONFERENCES

ALWAYS MOVING
FORWARD

It would be an honor and a privilege to serve our organization as your next ***International Vice-President***; a position that cannot be taken lightly. There are responsibilities to the organization and our members that put you in the Public's Eye. How we speak, act, and present ourselves is a reflection on every member in the organization. For the past 37 years this has been the way I have lived my life as a member of our Great Organization; loyal, positive, reliable, and dependable!

Passion:

My ***Passion*** will allow me to put everything I have into serving as your ***International Vice-President***. This is the passion that has historically allowed me to success fully serve very previous position of office that I have held within our organization.

Purpose:

As your ***International Vice-President***, my main purpose will be in making member recruitment and retention a top priority. While keeping an open mind, and working together with our Conferences, Chapters, and all of our members, we can use new ideas and suggestions, identify strategic methods to increase new membership, and recognize effective measures needed to retain the existing membership.

Pride:

As your next ***International Vice-President***, I will take ***Pride*** in fulfilling my duties. Serving this position is some thing to be proud of all the while representing our members and our organization.

While filling this position, it is important that you think ***Positive***; always moving forward making ***Progress***. We don't want to go backwards so the "***3 P's***" are a must. Members must have a ***Passion*** for the organization, have a ***Purpose*** for what they are doing within the organization, and take ***Pride*** in the organization we are all a part of. Together, the ***3 P's*** will successfully lead all of our members moving forward into the future.

I am asking for your **Support** and **Vote** in this upcoming Election. If anyone wants to contact me you can call me at **610-888-7877** or E-mail me @ **BKBIGTIME1@comcast.net** Thank You.

"Ride with Pride"
Dominic Squillace

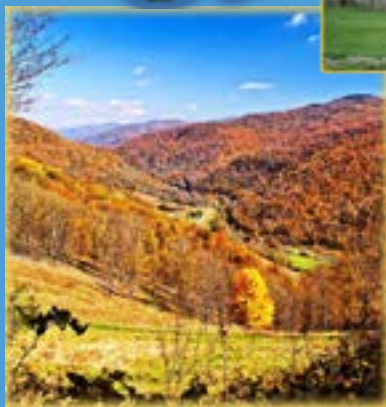
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International Safety Officer

HARRY BEIL, TX XXXIX • Safety@blueknights.org

I am Harry "TINK" Beil, your newly appointed International Safety Officer. I have been the RGC Safety Officer since June 2017, and I am the current President of Texas XXXIX (Mesquite). I am an Retired Dallas Police Officer where I served full time from 1979 to

2005, before that I was the Chief of Police in Birmingham Township, PA.

I have been riding motorcycles since I was 16. In over 45 years of riding I have been fortunate enough to have never had an accident or put a moving bike down. From my first days of riding I have maintained a simple philosophy, "Avoid Motorcycle Euphoria". What I mean is that whenever I got that warm fuzzy, "It's beautiful out here, isn't life great" feeling, I would smack myself back to reality and force myself to concentrate on my riding. I look forward to sharing some of the things I have done over the years to keep me safe and accident free.

I will be writing a Safety Articles for the Sword and Shield and in these I will be providing a more detailed explanation on things that lead to accidents, and ways to avoid them. Further, I will be looking into, and testing new safety related riding gear and sharing my findings with you. My place as your International Safety Officer is to "assist" each conference and individual chapter with your safety related needs. I'll do my best to answer your questions and supply you the support you need. Please feel free to contact me.

TX 42 Donates Toys For Homeless Children

By **Nadia Tamez-Robledo**

TX 42 President Gilbert "G-Man" Losoya estimates the group gave away between 130 to 150 gifts to the Brownsville Independent School District students who attended the event at the Central Administration Building.

The children are served by the district's Youth Connection Project, which provides support for students experiencing homelessness. A blue-suited Santa Claus called out each child's name, and the room applauded as the students walked to the stage to receive their gift and take a photo.

Losoya, who works for the Border Patrol, said he grew up poor and is grateful for the chance to help children in the community. "Now that I have the opportunity to get involved, we love putting smiles on the kids' faces," he said. Treasurer Luis "Wicho" Sosa said each Blue Knights chapter around the globe supports a charitable cause. "Ours is giving back to needy kids," he said. "It's worth it when you see the kids walk up to the stage with that smile." Some children began playing with their toys minutes after receiving them, whether it was racing a fire engine or challenging a parent to a round of Connect Four. The gifts were all donated by community members during three toy drives held throughout the year at Wal-Mart stores. "The community came through," Losoya said. Sosa said next summer the club will offer its first scholarship of \$1,200 to a student pursuing a career in law enforcement.



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Karen Borza

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I feel it is key to work with the membership worldwide to create better understanding of issues and their resolutions. I have always been adaptable and hardworking and dedicated to doing what is best for the entire club. Good communication, hard work, dedication, equality in making decisions and positive thinking are essential to the running of this club.

I believe we need to: *Follow our Constitution, By-Laws and written procedures *Evaluate each action individually based on facts *Be ready to update our ways of doing business if/when necessary.

I have worked hard to get us through some very tough and trying time and still keep a positive light on this club and its members. I believe that being President is not just a title but a lot of time, effort and work. I am always available; please feel free to contact me at vicepresident@blueknights.org or 1-717-991-6176



Guy O'Connor

I'm your candidate for International President of the Blue Knights International L.E.M.C.

I enjoy riding motorcycles of all types; I enjoy the comradery and friendship of the law enforcement community, and especially those who are members of this club. I will be a positive and proactive President, working to improve the values of the club, and representing each of you in a positive light. I will be a strong and vigilant leader, which I have demonstrated in positions at the chapter, conference, and international board levels.

I seek accountability for not only myself, but of all those who lead this organization. I look forward to working with the members of the International Board to promote the Blue Knights, its members and our values as a family oriented club. I will serve all our club members equally, no matter where you reside. I have strong ties to Europe, having previously resided there and both my sons were born in Germany. I will further our development as a global club working towards a common goal.

I am asking for your vote to allow me to continue to serve this great organization as your next International President.



Jim Borza

Fellow Blue Knights as serving as your International Secretary, I have worked hard to record and publish the minutes and necessary information to keep the members informed. I've been a Blue Knight since 1992. I've been diligent in my duties, and possess the experience, skills and abilities needed to continue as your International Secretary.

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Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me, and I humbly ask you for your vote and support so that I can continue to be your International Secretary. Sincerely, Jim Borza



Myron Joseph

I want to be your next International Secretary with your vote and support. I've been a Blue Knights since 1991; President NY IX, Current Tri-State Conference Secretary since 2016. I've been in Law Enforcement since 1986 with the New Rochelle Police Dept. (NY) with current rank Det. Sgt. in charge of my Department's Traffic Unit.

As International Secretary I promise to be open, transparent and diligent in all my dealings. Listen to and work hard for you the members. I am well aware of the time and effort needed to accurately relay to you the membership, what had transpired at all BK International meetings and prepare agendas for upcoming meetings, keep up to date the motion book and procedure manual, assist the International President and all others when asked, to the best of my ability.

My honesty, integrity and allegiance to the world's largest LEMC is paramount. My vote is your vote, I promise to listen to you the membership, I will represent you on the Board of Directors. I will follow the Constitution and By-Laws of this organization and promote change where it is needed and warranted; the will of the membership. I wish Jim and all the other candidates well in this upcoming election.

"The secret of change is to focus all off your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new."

As always Ride with Pride, Myron Joseph



Rory Mac Connell

Hello Blue Knights®, I am running for the position of International Vice President 2019–2021 term and would like your vote.

I spent 20 years in the NYC Department of Corrections, retired as a Captain in 2004. I currently work full time for the USPS, carrier and union steward. I am 55 years old and married to my high school sweetheart for 36 years, we raised 3 children together. I joined the Blue Knights in 2004 and was elected President of Florida XVIII for 8 years. The chapter had about 43 members when I became President; I took it up over 90. We did over \$144,000.00 in recorded charity work under my leadership. I was on the SRC board as Secretary and I am in my 2nd term as SRC Chairman, my last. I am currently the Board of Governors Chairman in my 2nd term, if elected I could not hold this position and the Intl VP. I am a member of the International Honorary committee, and I was Chairman of the International building fund raiser. I ran the BK 40th Anniversary cruise for FL XVIII, and started the annual BOG Cruise.

I humbly ask for your vote for International Vice-President.



Andreas „Schlagi“ Hohendorf

Hello Blue Knights! I am Andreas „Schlagi“ Hohendorf, I am a Police Officer in the Cologne Police Department for now 27 years serving different units including Traffic Police Motorcycle Squad. My Blue Knight career began in 2003 with Germany V 2003 and included; 2007-2009 Vice-president, 2009-2017 Chapter President. In 2013 I stepped up as the Vicechairman of the European Conference which I continue today. I began with two directions; First I tried to strenghten the brotherhood between European Chapters and second I bring the idea of our club to the higher ranks of my department and to our politicians in Northrhine-Westfalia.

My goals are: 1-Strengthen the Blue Knights as the world's greatest motorcycle club, 2-Establish a closer link between continents, 3-Promote recruitment, 4- Return something from the benefits I recieved from the club and all Blue Knights that I met.

I strongly believe that in all times we must work together to keep what we are. The strongest and greatest LEMC in the world. And with my candidature as the International Vicepresident I have the oppurtunity to deidcate my work and my heart for this amazing club.



Dominic Squillace

I am running for the Position of International Vice-President. I feel I am a qualified and excellent Candidate. A Member since 1982, that's 37 years and have been thru 16 of the 20 Presidents that we have had. Since joining, I have held various Positions at Chapter and Conference levels. My experience on the International Constitution/By-Law Committee for the past 6 years has inspired me to run for this Position. I understand that one of the duties of the Vice-President is Recruitment and Retention of Members and Chapters. Also to work hand in hand with the President and the entire Board. I am ready, willing and able to fill this Position, always open for any and all suggestions. Ballots will be out in May, fill them out and return them. Everyone's vote matters!

I am asking for your support and vote in this upcoming election for the Position of International Vice-President. Let's work together, You the Members and Me.

Good luck to All Candidates! As Always "Ride With Pride"

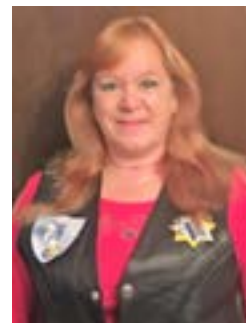


Lisa O'Brien

I'm Lisa O'Brien, a retired California Highway Patrol Trooper and currently an attorney practicing Criminal, Civil, and Corporate Law. President of Napa CA (BKCAV) since 2002, former WCC US Vice Chair, current WCC International Representative. Before endorsing any candidate, much less voting for any candidate, get a copy of their Job Description and find out where they stand on responsibilities in that job description (ask me for them).

Your VP is primarily responsible for management of recruitment and retention of the membership.

I will strive to exceed the record of 10 new chapters set by a previous VP many years ago. We have thousands of unused dollars available for recruitment and retention that have stagnantly remained in our budget year after year. Reports stating our membership of 17,789 is "up from last year", fail to point out that these numbers pale in comparison to membership numbers just a few short years ago when we had 20,000 members. Your VP must personally participate in all activities of the International Conferences and Chapters, they must represent best interests of the General Membership, she must display the best image of the BK through personal example. I will do this!!! Contact me at THX4800@AOL.COM.



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Alabama XVI

The Blue Knights Alabama XVI raised \$1,430 for COPS during their Polar Bear Ride.

Australia I & IV – Paul Kimber Remembered

By Paul Iriks

Blue Knight members from Australia I & IV, along with other LEMC and family of Ploddy joined us today to remember a larger than life member of Australia I who passed away this time last year on a chapter ride. RIP Paul (Ploddy).

John Littleton said, "It was a pleasure to present this ride in honour of a Blue Knight who was an inspiration and share a special moment with his family. As a Vice President Paul (Ploddy) Kimber provided amazing support and encouragement in a very short time. His passing was a loss to us all."

Kathy Kimber stated, "Although emotional and confronting it has been a very special day today accompanying the Blue Knights for an anniversary ride in memory of my love Paul Kimber... So proud of Mitchell Kimber for riding Ploddy Paul's Harley and the effort he went to make her roadworthy. Your Dad would have been chuffed to bits. Finishing the ride to Waroona on Ploddy with you that Paul never got to do was special. I know we are better for having loved and lost you than to have never had you to love at all."



England XIX Support Austic Children's Charity

By Barry Stocker

Members of England XIX joined Scunthorpe bikers to support the Magic Moments for Autistic Kids Charity Christmas Toy run, including XIX member David John Butt, doubling as Santa for the day.



Florida Chapter XVI (Cape Coral) – Blue Knights get Snooked

Blue Knights Florida Chapter XVI (Cape Coral) welcomed in 2019 by making its traditional News Years Day trip to the Snook Inn on Marco Island, Florida. This year marks the 20th year the Chapter has made this trek to the edge of the everglades. The Chapter was joined by Bernd and Christine Geister of Germany (Messkirch) Chapter XXXII. The Geisters are police officers near Lake of Constance Germany and were on holiday in sunny Florida.



FL XVI Begins the Riding Season

By Frank Holley, FL XVI

Florida Blue Knights Chapter XVI (Lee and Charlotte) began the "official" riding season with the annual bike courtesy of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church on Bokeelia Island, Florida. The Chapter members were joined by family, friends and members of the island community. Following the ceremony, Father Mazur, the blessing officiant, mounted his motorcycle and accompanied the Chapter for a seaside ride and lunch overlooking the waters of the Gulf.





OSCEOLA Law Ride hosted by FL29

The 7th Annual Osceola Law Ride took place in Orlando, FL hosted by FL29. The ride benefited families of officers who were injured or fallen. In the Line of Duty. Riders enjoyed a sunny 85 degree day and a perfect day to support the Blue. Hundreds of dollars was raised to help the Thin Blue Line families.



Ontario VI Supports Service Dogs

By Sid Millin, VPres, ONT VI

In 2011, NSD launched the Service Dogs for PTSD Program to assist veterans with long term Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, which made us the first accredited service dog organization in Canada to have a program of this kind. Certified Service Dogs for PTSD ground their partners in reality and help them to reconnect with their families and reengage in activities of daily living, such as going to a movie with their kids that most of us take for granted. With their dogs by their side, veterans are empowered to live their lives to the fullest.

Ireland 1

The inaugural meeting of the organizing committee for the International Convention in 2020 was held yesterday in Portlaoise. The hard work starts now.



NC XVIII Adopts a Family

Members of NC XVIII adopted a family of a single mother and two boys ages 8 and 12. The mother is currently working two jobs to make ends meet. The family was displaced from hurricane Florence.



NY XXIII Donates to NY Police Signal 30 Fund

On behalf of the Blue Knights NY XXIII, a \$100 donation was made to the NY State Police Signal 30 Fund for the family of fallen trooper Jeremy VanNostrand who was killed in the line of duty on November 27, 2018. Those present were L to R: Toni Goodwin (ret. Tryon juvenile corrections), Ray "Duke" Koloski (ret. New Rochelle PD), Tpr. Dale Palmer (Troop G&H PBA delegate), Sgt. Brian Christoffersen (SP Mayfield), Jennifer Connolly (ret. CTIU investigator, SP Latham), Joe Saracino (Blue Knights), Bobbie Riddell (ret. NY State Courts) Sheila and Wayne "Rocky" Rockwell (ret. SP Herkimer)



The Tattooed Moose is Loose

By Vince Lombardo

Members of SCVIII from Beaufort, SC and SCIII from Charleston rode to John's Island, SC for lunch at the



Tattooed Moose. Good food, great conversation and fun were the order of the day. We exchanged many ideas on increasing multi chapter rides, meets and functions as well as building recruiting among the younger, active duty people. (Let's face it, many of us are getting a little "long in the tooth".)



Texas IV & XXII Honor a Veteran

By Ben Reisz

Texas Chapters IV & XXII along with the Patriot Guard picked up Clyde Edison and gave him a police escort to VFW 8541, where he received a hero's welcome. You see, Clyde had just turned 96 years old, and he was being thrown a birthday party. A little more than 77 years ago, Clyde was just a young sailor stationed at Pearl Harbor, in Hawaii, when a Japanese task force attacked the base one Sunday morning, kicking off a war with the U.S. in the Pacific. Clyde, consequently became heavily involved in WWII, and went on to participate in the Battle of Midway, among others. He ultimately spent 32 years in the Navy before retiring to San Antonio. All of this activity came as a complete surprise as he expected to spend a quiet evening with friends at his nursing home.



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